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discharging dross receiving through said inlet opening, the second leg having a longitudinal axis wherein a gas-receiving opening and the outlet opening lie generally on said longitudinal axis.

19. (Amended) An apparatus for diluting a layer of dross at the surface of a metal bath comprising a generally U-shaped conduit having a first [let] leg having an inlet opening, and a second leg having an outlet opening for discharging metal received through said inlet opening, the conduit having a gas-receiving opening below the outlet opening,

a pump body mated with the conduit adjacent the gas-receiving opening;

an elongated gas delivery member having a lower end threadably connected to a threaded section of the pump body and an upper end, extending above the second leg and adapted for receiving a gas, and

a sleeve encasing the gas delivery member, the sleeve having an upper end above the second leg, said pump body and said gas delivery member including a gas passage for delivering gas into said conduit.

from the group consisting of dross] displacing molten metal [and mixtures thereof] in a metal bath comprising a generally be-shaped conduit including a first leg having an inlet opening, and a second leg having an outlet opening, the second leg having a longitudinal axis wherein a gas receiving opening and the outlet opening lie generally on said longitudinal axis.

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(Amended) The apparatus of claim [11] 22, including a tubular member forming a gas delivery element.

Remarks

Re-examination of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.